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Application of William K. Kappel et al.

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For METAL CHELATING COMPOSITIONS FOR PROTEIN PURIFICATION,  
DETECTION OR BINDING

Examiner Monique T. Cole

April 15, 2005

**Amendment A**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the  
above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 9 of this paper.